

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 14, and 27 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an electronic
5 document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the steps of:

6 determining a context for the electronic document;

7 determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

8 based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

9 creating a customized palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises
10 a control for an available property; and

11 displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user
12 interface such that said palette ~~does~~ and an associated content of the palette do not obscure viewing of
13 said electronic document.

14 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
16 document;

17 based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

24 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
25 viewed.

26 4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document
28 can be simultaneously viewed.

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1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
3 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
4 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic
5 document.

6 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
7 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
8 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
9 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the
10 electronic document.

11 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document
12 consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

13 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the following:
14 a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

15 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user
16 interface for an application program.

17 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating
18 palette.

19 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a property
20 browser palette window.

21 12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

22 13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

23 14. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting
24 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface
25 comprising:

26 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and
27 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-
28 executable instructions operable for:

29 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with the
30 application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

1 determining a context for the electronic document;
2 creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least one
3 control and further based upon the context of the electronic document; and
4 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program for
5 display such that the palette ~~does~~ and an associated content of the palette do not obscure the
6 electronic document.

7 15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further
8 operable for:

9 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
10 document;

11 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,

12 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
13 context of the electronic document; and

14 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
15 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

16 16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further
17 operable for:

18 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
19 viewed.

20 17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further
21 operable for:

22 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document
23 can be simultaneously viewed.

24 18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further
25 operable for:

26 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
27 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

28 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic
29 document.

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1 19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further
2 operable for:

3 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
4 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

5 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the
6 electronic document.

7 20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the electronic
8 document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical
9 content.

10 21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the property consists of one of the
11 following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document
12 characteristic.

13 22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a
14 graphical user interface for an application program.

15 23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a
16 floating palette.

17 24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a
18 property browser palette window.

19 25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface comprises
20 a toolbar.

21 26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface comprises
22 a toolbar.

23 27. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting
24 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface
25 comprising:

26 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

27 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-
28 executable instructions operable for:

29 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with
30 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

1 determining a context for the electronic document;
2 creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least
3 one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document;
4 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be
5 simultaneously viewed;
6 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program;
7 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the
8 electronic document; and
9 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic
10 document,
11 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change
12 in the context of the electronic document;
13 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the
14 electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and
15 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed in
16 conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface, said modified palette being displayed
17 such that the modified palette ~~does~~ and an associated content of the modified palette do not obscure
18 viewing of said electronic document.
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